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- 1. Jena. Six Soviet assault guns arrived at the Jena railway station on 2 Dec 53 and were unloaded on 4 Dec and proceeded towards Lobeda, probably to the barracks near that place. The guns had four large half-tracks and two small wheels in front and behind on each side. A slightly curved front plate, with guns without muzzle brakes. The rear end sloped off.
- 2. Zeitz. Further arrivals of ammunition were observed on 27 and 28 Nov 53 at the Zeitz-Aue railway freight station. The cars were not unloaded, but the Rossner millwright firm had to provide a bogie truck and tractor to move them. Eight freight cars altogether were later observed at the barracks in Wienerstrasse.
- 3. Soviet troops are no longer stationed permanently at the troop training grounds in the Zeitz forest. The grounds are only used by the troops stationed in the Zeitz barracks. The last unit stationed at the grounds left on 23 Nov 53, going in the direction of Langenberg.
- 4. Falkenau, Saxony. A Soviet military transport of 36 cars arrived at the Falkenau railway station at 11:30 p.m. on 30 Nov 53. It came from the direction of Dresden. About 10 or 15 of the cars were closed boxcars; the others were loaded with vehicles under tarpaulins. The train probably came from Poland, because many of the cars had inscriptions in Polish; for example, "Poznan glowny".
- 5. A new ration and supply depot for the Volkspolizei is to be established at Grossenhain, Saxony. Six officers from Pirna have been detailed there.

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